



October 14, 2013

Mr. Steven King, Executive Director
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW,
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Docket UG-131589

Dear Mr. King:

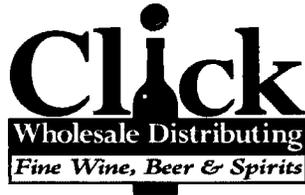
I am writing to express my hope that the compressed natural gas service proposed by Puget Sound Energy is approved to help advance the use of alternative fuels for fleet vehicles operating in Washington State.

As a locally owned Beer, Wine and Spirits Distributor, we would welcome the idea of transitioning from diesel to CNG as the exclusive fuel for our fleet. We currently operate twenty delivery trucks in the Puget Sound area, of which 25% have been converted to CNG within the last year. We currently have 1 more vehicle on order with expected delivery in Q1 2014. Our goal would be to transition the entire fleet to CNG within the next 4 years, if PSE could provide the on-site refueling we could attain our goal.

We believe in reducing our dependence on foreign oil and lowering our carbon footprint while reducing our fuel costs. Our delivery operations currently travel in excess of 360,000 miles per year. If our fleet was fully converted, we estimate that we could eliminate 190,000 lbs. of emissions per year. Our distributorship, based in Kent, Washington, runs static routes so the trucks return to the warehouse each night. Given the lack of CNG refueling infrastructure on site, we currently pay our driver's overtime to refuel their trucks at the end of the day at the few refueling stations available.

We are sharing our CNG experience with our Washington Distributor Association members to help promote CNG as a transportation fuel option. Because of the lack of infrastructure, our distributor partners are reluctant to invest in CNG equipment until there are additional fueling options in place. Currently there are only a few publicly available fueling stations in our area. Limited refueling options, coupled with the fact that the capital investment for refueling equipment on-site is extremely costly, is stopping most companies from taking advantage of CNG as their transportation fuel.

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PSE's proposed service would provide an option for on-site refueling that would enable us to deliver turn-key sourcing for our operations and expand our investment in CNG vehicles..

Because PSE is a regulated utility, I am confident that the pricing for the proposed compressed natural gas service will be coordinated, competitive and transparent, giving other businesses in the Puget Sound area the motivation to make a significant investment in natural gas vehicles for their fleet.

As the private sector and local and state governments share the responsibility to operate alternative-fueled vehicles, we support the implementation of innovative solutions, like Puget Sound Energy's compressed natural gas proposal, to spur further development toward greater use of natural gas in the transportation industry.

I encourage you to approve Puget Sound Energy's proposed service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Florio", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Jim Florio
Chairman/CEO